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SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR HEARST NEWSPAPERS ACCREDITA-  
TION IN MOSCOW

REF: (A) MOSCOW 16018, (B) STATE 165903, (C) APRIL 18  
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1. AFTER TRANSMITTAL REF A, EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE  
DISCUSSED WITH MAY RESULTS OF JULY 10 MEETING WITH  
ZHURAVLEV. FROM WHAT MAY NOW TELLS US (AND WHICH HE  
NEGLECTED TO MENTION HERETOFORE DESPITE REPEATED DIS-  
CUSSIONS ABOUT HIS ACCREDITATION), ZHURAVLEV'S SET-  
PIECE RESPONSE TO QUESTION OF "TEMPORARY" ACCREDITA-  
TION WAS NO ACCIDENT; INDEED THAT WAS WHAT MAY HAD  
ASKED FOR AND HE HAD NEVER RPT NEVER ASKED MFA FOR  
FULL-FLEDGED ACCREDITATION AS NORMAL, IF NON-RESIDENT,  
CORRESPONDENT COVERING USSR. THUS, ZHURAVLEV'S  
COMMENTS WERE TRULY GERMANE: MFA DECLINED MAY'S ORAL  
REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH ACCREDITATION BECAUSE SUCH  
"TEMPORARY" CREDENTIALS ARE SIMPLY NOT GIVEN - AS NOTED  
REF A, ONLY SPECIFIC CATEGORIES SUCH AS TEMPORARY  
REPLACEMENTS FOR VACATIONING CORRESPONDENTS FALL INTO  
THIS PARTICULAR BASKET. MAY, LIKE OTHER JOURNALISTS  
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ON SHORT-TERM VISITS, IS EXPECTED TO WORK THROUGH  
NOVOSTI.

2. MAY NOW SAYS HE NEVER BOTHERED TO ASK ABOUT REGULAR  
ACCREDITATION AND MULTIPLE EXIT/ENTRY VISA BECAUSE HE  
UNDERSTOOD THAT REQUEST HAD BEEN "SHOT DOWN" BY SOVIETS  
IN WASHINGTON LONG AGO. REF B WAS THUS INADVERTENTLY

MISLEADING BECAUSE DEPARTMENT, LIKE US AND PERHAPS  
EVEN LIKE HEARST HOME OFFICE, BELIEVED MAY HAD REQUESTED  
ACCREDITATION ALONG LINES TRIAL BALLOON FLOATED IN  
REF C. HE FAILED TO DO SO, BUT RESULT IS THAT WE NOW  
IN EFFECT HAVE DONE IT FOR HIM BY OUR PRESENTATION TO  
ZHURAVLEV ON JULY 10. WE PUT, AND ZHURAVLEV TOOK,  
QUESTION OF NON-RESIDENT ACCREDITATION WITH MULTIPLE  
VISA. FURTHERMORE, MAY ASSURES US HEARST DID WRITE  
LETTERS TO DOBRYNIN AND KAMENEV, SO QUESTION HAS IN-  
DEED BEEN RAISED IN MANNER WHICH PROVIDES BASIS FOR  
US QUERYING MFA AS WE DID.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE REPEATEDLY DISCUSSED "ACCREDITATION  
WITH MAY (INCLUDING AN ADVANCE FILL-IN ON WHAT WE  
PLANNED TO TELL ZHURAVLEV) AND WE FRANKLY FIND IT  
ASTOUNDING (AND, IN LIGHT OF THE SESSION WITH ZHURAVLEV  
MILDLY EMBARRASSING) THAT MAY APPARENTLY DID NOT FOCUS  
ON OR PERCEIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REAL ACCREDITATION  
AND THREE-MONTH VARIETY. EVERYONE, IN SHORT, SEEMS  
TO HAVE BEEN WELL-BRIEFED ON GENERAL ATTEMPT TO TEST  
ARRANGEMENT DESCRIBED REF C EXCEPT MAY HIMSELF, WHO  
SEEMS RATHER UNCONCERNED ABOUT WHOLE THING AND SEEMS  
NOT TO HAVE ANY PARTICULAR DESIRE FOR ACCREDITATION.  
BUT DESPITE THIS, MFA HAS BEEN ASKED WHAT WE CONSIDER  
TO BE THE RIGHT QUESTION AND WE MUST NOW WAIT FOR A  
RESPONSE - HOPEFUL THAT MAY'S OWN REQUEST FOR THREE-  
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MONTH CREDENTIALS AND HIS LATER APPROACH TO VOZNIKOV  
ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP ACTUAL HEARST BUREAU  
IN MOSCOW WILL NOT FURTHER MUDDY THE WATERS. MATLOCK

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